

Transitional Expressions

Another word for transitional expressions is "connecting" words and phrases. Because these connecting words or phrases carry different meanings, they cannot be used interchangeably. It is important, consequently, to know their varying purposes.

To add ideas: furthermore, likewise, similarly, in like manner, again, too, moreover, besides, also, further, and, and then, in addition, equally important, next, first, secondly, thirdly, last, lastly, finally.

To compare: similarly, likewise, in the same way, in like manner

To contrast: on the other hand, nevertheless, yet, still, however, notwithstanding, on the contrary, in contrast to this, otherwise, but, and yet, after all, for all that, at the same time, although this may be true, in spite of

To show purpose: for this reason, with this object in mind, to this end, in order to

To show result: hence, therefore, accordingly, consequently, thus, as a result, then

To indicate: for example, for instance, indeed, incidentally, in fact,
Special features: in fact, in other words, that is, specifically,
Or examples: in particular

To show order: first, in the second place, next, then, to begin with,
Of time: finally, hereafter, a little later, immediately, meanwhile, afterwards, in those days, earlier, at length, in the meantime, soon, at last, after a short time, while, thereupon, thereafter, temporarily, until, presently, shortly, lately, of late, since

To show relation: here, there, beyond, next to, opposite, adjacent to,
In space: nearby, on the opposite side

To summarize: to sum up, in brief, in short, as I have said, as it has been noted

To conclude: therefore, accordingly, consequently, as a result, finally, in conclusion, and last